

Judicial Administration Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
February 12, 1999

The Judicial Administration Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, February 12, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Steven M. Fleece, Frances C. Gull, John L. Kellam, Richard T. Payne, Tanya Walton Pratt, and Ernest E. Yelton, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Mary Crean, Citizen=s Commission for the Future of Indiana Courts, and Brian Vargus, Director, Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory was also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the meeting of the committee on January 22, 1999 were approved.
5. Jury reform survey. The members of the committee revised the 86 questions of their judicial survey with Brian Vargus. They agreed to review the changes from this meeting within one week and forward them directly to Judge Yelton. He will relay them to Brian Vargus.
6. Future committee plans.
  - a. The committee members discussed preparation of final recommendations by judges for jury reform. Judge Kellam moved that final recommendations of judges to the Citizens Commission For The Future of Indiana Courts should be prepared at a retreat on Friday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Saturday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon at the Walden Inn in Greencastle. Judge Payne seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The committee also agreed to cancel the March meeting because no survey results will be available at that time.
  - b. The committee discussed the preparation of a best practices manual on juries, formation of a new committee on juries, and representation on the Citizen=s Commission.
7. Next meetings. The members of the committee agreed to meet again at the Judicial Center on Friday, April 9, 1999 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, May 14, 1999; 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, June 11, 1999, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon at the Walden Inn in Greencastle; and Friday, August 13, 1999, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; In conjunction with September Judicial Conference; Friday, October 8, 1999, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, November 12, 1999, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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